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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of May 9, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert the following new paragraph at page 5, line 3, i.e. insert the following paragraph before the first full paragraph on page 5.

--/ As shown in Figures 2A and 2B, the first and second wheel hubs 28 each include a common outer periphery defined about the axis of rotation 26. The electric motors 36 are mounted at least partially within this common outer periphery.

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